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Note

A *Glastonbury Carol*, composed in 1989, was awarded third prize in the Dr William Baird Ross Competition for Scottish Church Music, 1990, and was performed by the Palmerston Place Church Choir, Edinburgh, on 13th October 1991, in the presence of the composer. The conductor was Christopher Bell. The carol's duration in performance is 4' 12".

The composer wrote both the music and the text.

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The Ding Dong Mine a legend tells,

(Ring loud and long the ding dong bells!)

That Joseph, trading Cornish tin,

With Jesus spent a winter in

Those Celtic western hills. And so

The Thorn tree's snowy blossoms grow,

Whose spikes composed His diadem;

All sing now: "NOSTRAM SALUTEM."

And for His feet on Mendip hill

We praise the Lord with single will,

For "PURGATOREM CRIMINUM"

Sing "SION LAUDA DOMINUM."

The Oaks of Avalon will sing

"Laud and honour to our King",

When Joseph's thorn on Christmas day

Blows snow white blooms. "EX VIRGINE

EST NATUS REX": (incarnate Word)

With joyous shout on Priddy's sward

And triune choral festal song

We welcome God, Who rights all wrong.

Saint Joseph from the Holy Land

A thorn bough brought; and by his hand

On Wearyall he planted it.

Sing "HODIE APPARUIT."





